



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: "Old Mill" timber sale Application #30-083209, FPA # 26 09689

The Old Mill timber sale is a five unit regeneration harvest with two acres of associated right-of-way encompassing 163 acres yielding an estimated timber volume of 3,880 MBF. This proposal also includes a total of 3,035 feet of new construction, 2,090 feet of reconstruction and 12,461 feet of pre-haul maintenance. The designated rock sources for this proposal are Coppermine Pit located in Section 18 Township 25 North Range 11 West, Snahapish pit located in Section 5 Township 25 North Range 11 West, and Peterson Pit located in Section 24 Township 25 North Range 12 West.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: (Procedure PR-14-004-120) This sale is not structural owl habitat and is under 50 years of age.

Marbled Murrelet: (Procedure PR-14-004-320) This sale was determined to be non-murrelet habitat by the OESF interim marbled murrelet strategy.

Slope Stability: (PR-14-004-050) Unstable slopes have been excluded from the sale area.

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): (Procedure PR-14-004-160) Water resources within the sale area are managed in accordance with the Habitat Conservation Plan. Riparian management zones, consisting of interior core and exterior wind buffers, have been applied to Type 3, 4, and unstable Type 5 streams in the sale area. Potentially unstable slopes were removed from the sale area by the installation of interior core buffers. Due to site specific characteristics, the width of the interior core buffers vary by stream segment. Exterior wind buffers with an average width of 150 feet were installed on Type 3 streams; Type 4 and unstable Type 5 streams have an average exterior buffer width of 50 feet. There are no WMZs located within or directly adjacent to the sale area.

Retention Trees: (Procedure PR-14-006-090) Eight retention trees per acre, totaling 1,288 trees, have been selected and marked with a blue band or yellow leave tree area tags within the sale area. Wind-firm, dominant, and structurally unique trees were targeted for retention and are arranged both individually and in small aggregates throughout the unit.

Roads: Road reconstruction and maintenance activities will be in compliance with the HCP, HPA, and current Forest Practices regulations. The work detailed in the road plan has been designed to improve surfacing on the haul roads, and provide for better drainage by installing additional, and replacing inadequate, culverts that will divert storm water onto stable forest floor. Soils exposed during road construction activities will be protected from erosion by grass seeding and mulching with hay.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The Old Mill timber sale is located 27-32 miles southeast of Forks via Highway 101, the Hoh-Clearwater Mainline, the C-2000, the C-2010, and the C-2800.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from January 16, 2009. Comments must be submitted by January 29, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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